Setting up of an IIT at Basara in A.P.

45. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requesting for long for setting up of IIT at Basara;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has expressed its willingness to provide land and financial support for setting up of an IIT at Basara;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in according sanction for an IIT at Basara; and

(d) the criteria adopted for starting an IIT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had communicated to this Ministry regarding Andhra Pradesh Government's decision to allocate 1000 acres of land alongwith other civic amenities. However, no financial commitments were made for the purpose.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a new IIT. No criteria has been laid out for starting an IIT.

FDI in FM Radio

46. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given green signal and allowed 20 per cent FDI in FM Radio;

(b) whether Government also changed the annual revenue sharing norms

which now stands at 4 per cent in view of allowing FDI not only from FIIs but also from others;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are going to float tender inviting bids for 330 FM Radio stations in 90 cities of the Country; and

(d) if so, the details of the cities identified in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The government has formulated a new FM Radio Broadcasting policy, which *inter-alia* provides for an One Time Entry Fee to be decided on the basis of closed tender system, annual fee @4% of gross revenue, foreign investment including FDI, upto 20% of the paid up equity. Further, details of the policy are available on Ministry's website (www.mib.nic.in)

(c) and (d) A total of 336 Channels in 90 cities will be made available for bidding in Phase II of FM radio broadcasting through private agencies. The identified cities in Andhra Pradesh are Hyderabad, Vijaywada, Vishakhapatnam, Rajamundry, Tirupati and Warangal.

Broadcasting Regulatory Commission

47. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring a Bill for setting up a Broadcasting Regulatory Commission to regulate functioning of the news and TV channels and providing level play field for all broadcasters;

(b) if so, whether discussions on media persons and meetings of heads of news units of AIR of northern region was held recently;

(c) if so, whether Government have agreed to the proposal of regulating TV channels in view of a large number of private channels;

(d) if so, the details of proposed legislation; and

(e) to what extent this legislation would help in checking misuse of TV channels?